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## Mum gets ban over neglect of pet rabbits

A MOTHER has been banned from keeping animals for 10 years after a court heard she kept her rabbits in "filthy" hutches and failed to get them proper treatment for painful ear mites.

Sara Davis, of Brierley Hill, had five rabbits seized by the RSPCA from her old home in Cradley Heath, and will now also lose her two dogs, three cats and kitten.

Dudley magistrates also ordered her to do 50 hours community service and pay £200 towards the RSPCA's costs, said to total £6,852.

Davis, aged 31, of Bent Street, Brierley Hill, admitted two charges of causing unnecessary suffering to a rabbit between April 22 and May 20 and two charges, between May 6 and 20, of not taking reasonable steps to ensure the rabbits had an hygienic environment.

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting, said the RSPCA went to her former address in Meadow Walk, Cradley Heath, and found "filthy" hutches.

The inspector seized five of the 16 rabbits kept there and fed the rest. Mrs Sutton said two of the rabbits had severe encrustation of mites on their ears.

Mr Phillip Haycock, defending, said: "This was a case of neglect, rather than deliberate, sadistic behaviour."

## Meeting on church fight

A GROUP fighting to re-open a Dudley church will update members on the campaign to take over responsibility for the building at meeting later this month.

The St John's Church Preservation Group is drawing up a business plan and will submit an application to lease the building to the Church Commissioners.

The group will discuss the proposals further at a meeting at the Quality Hotel in Birmingham Road on January 30 at 7pm.

# COAT MAY BE KEY TO BETTY'S LAST HOURS

By Adam Burling

**DETECTIVES have released a fresh piece of evidence as part of an appeal to the public to help build a picture of the final movements of retired teacher Betty Yates.**

Police investigating Mrs Yates' murder have vowed they "will not rest" until they have caught her killer. More than 100 people have contacted police since the murder probe was launched but officers say it is vital they hear from anyone who knows anything about the 77-year-old's last movements. Mrs Yates was killed by a single knife wound after being attacked at her secluded cottage off Dowles Road in Bewdley.

## Tributes paid to a 'vivacious and true lady'

TRIBUTES have been paid to Mrs Yates, who was described as a "vivacious and popular person" and a "true lady."

Her children David and Hazel led the tributes, saying: "Our mother was a vivacious, independent and popular person. She had a lovely character and was extremely caring. She was also very fit and active for her age."

"Naturally we are extremely shocked and saddened at the manner of her death and at this time we do not know whether we will ever come to terms with that."

"Thankfully we were able to spend some quality time together when we all got together over Christmas and those are now our final, treasured memories. We will always remember her with love and affection - as well as being our mother she was a true lady."

### Understand

"We do not understand why or how anybody could have done this and we would urge anyone who has any idea about who is responsible or has any information at all to come forward and tell the police."

Former pupils gathered for a candlelit vigil outside her home on Sunday, organised by Verity Worthington, 29, of St John's Avenue, Kidderminster.

"I was out walking my dog along the River Severn back in November and she was walking the other way. We got talking and arranged to meet for a coffee which we did," she said.

"It was great seeing her again. Her loss is a tragedy. She was an inspiring teacher who went the extra mile and was really before her time."

A murder investigation is being carried out by police who say they are looking into possible motives, including the theory she was stabbed after disturbing burglars. Police have issued a description clothing she was wearing in the new appeal for information.

Mrs Yates, who taught generations of children in Kidderminster, was last seen by friends on Monday afternoon last week. But officers say they cannot account for 12 hours after that. She was discovered dead at home on Wednesday last week at 9am by police after friends raised the alarm.

When she was last seen Mrs Yates was wearing a distinctive hip-length jacket which had a vertically striped pattern in dark red, olive green and grey.

The jacket had full sleeves and a collar but no hood. She was also wearing a dark coloured jumper, dark trousers, and carrying a black leather purse with a key wallet attachment. She was driving her silver Skoda Fabia.

### Shocked

Detective Chief Inspector Neil Jamieson said: "Betty was a much-loved pillar of the community and her death has shocked everyone."

"We would like to thank those members of the public who have come forward with information. However it is vital we hear from anyone we have not yet spoken to, who knows anything about Betty's movements and saw her between Monday afternoon and the following morning."

"We are fully committed to catching the person or people responsible for this horrendous crime as quickly as possible. We now have more than 50 officers and staff working on this inquiry. The one thing they have in common is a determination to track down the killer and we will not rest until we have achieved that."

Anyone with information should call the Stourport Police Station on 0300 333 3000, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



The jacket Mrs Yates was seen wearing before her body was discovered at her home



Victim Betty Yates, 77



The remote cottage where Mrs Yates lived and died

## Force pays £250,000 overtime on rioting

INVESTIGATING and tracking down the culprits of last year's summer riots has cost West Midlands Police £250,000 in overtime alone.

Officers clocked up 12-hour shifts and all leave was cancelled after unprecedented scenes of rioting and looting in Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Birmingham.

The subsequent investigation still involves up to 50 officers who are working on identifying offenders who have not yet been caught.

The cost represents 20 per cent of the force's annual £1.3 million spend on police overtime.

West Midlands Police is in the process of trying to cut costs as the impact of £126m in Government budget cuts bite.

Police Authority finance chief, councillor Bob Jones, said today: "The spending on overtime during the riots was absolutely crucial."

"The revised tactics used by West Midlands Police, where we led the country on tackling the problem, was only manageable by having the right number of professionals on the ground."

"That couldn't have been achieved without spending the money."

The August riots saw hooligans gathering to fight with police and loot. The bill for overtime resulted from the force having to deploy officers at short notice.

## £2.1m site for the arts

A FORMER glasshouse, which was part of the Royal Doulton factory in Stourbridge, is being transformed into a £2.1million centre for the arts.

Work has begun to refurbish the Lower Glasshouse on the site of the Ruskin Glass Centre in Amblecote.

The venue will be used for art exhibitions and events and will also provide training and apprenticeship opportunities for future glassmakers.

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## JB's revamp bigger than first thought

FORMER Dudley nightclub JB's has been completely gutted as part of a revamp to bring the landmark back into use.

New owner Raj Kumar had hoped the nightclub would reopen as a live music and club venue by Christmas.

He said the works were now under way, but that they were much bigger than anticipated. Mr Kumar took on JB's with a final bid of £225,000 at an auction in September. "It has

needed a total refit, it is more work than we had anticipated so we are busy at the moment," he said.

"It will take longer than we thought it would but we are progressing."

## Completed

"We hope to get the floor down soon but I expect there to be more completed by the end of the month."

He vowed to keep the tradition of

live music at the nightclub after fears were raised the venue had an uncertain future. Former owner and founders Sam Jukes and Sid Weston had put the club on the market with mounting debts in 2010.

It hosted legends such as Robert Plant, Manic Street Preachers, U2 and The Stone Roses over its illustrious 42-year lifespan.

The club was first launched as a 250-capacity venue in King Street,

Dudley, by Mr Jukes alongside Sid Weston, John Bryant and John Weston. It moved to its current home in Castle Hill – which can fit in 950 – in 1994. The club went into administration in September 2010 due to Mr Jukes' ailing health and debts of £450,000.

It went on the market for £350,000, which dropped to £325,000 after several months.

## Expenses inquiry boss quits his post

A DIRECTOR of finance with West Midlands Police has quit his £121,000-a-year post for charging £200 to his official expenses account for an unauthorised hotel stay with a female colleague.

Married Derek Smith quit as director of finance and resources post before an official inquiry could be completed.

He had worked for West Midlands Police for 20 years, helping lead the force through a £750 million cuts plan and had advised the Government on charging for police services. He has now offered to pay the cash back.

An investigation is ongoing by the force's professional standards department in to the conduct of the woman, a member of the back office staff.

It has emerged the pair checked into a Manchester hotel, and Mr Smith charged the full £200 to the force.

West Midlands Police spokesman Lee Page said the force's professional standards unit was "made aware of an allegation of misconduct against two members of police staff" in November.

He said: "The allegation concerns the use of police funds."

## Library work has started

WORK to remove asbestos from Brierley Hill library is under way.

The library in High Street will be shut for a week while contractors remove the hazard. Staff discovered it on the second floor of the building.

The area will be treated by contractors once the asbestos has been removed. The housing office on the ground floor of the library will remain open as normal during the work. People will be able to call the Citizens Advice Bureau as normal but will not be able to visit during that week.

## Hotline on fakes

A confidential hotline has been launched by Dudley trading standards stop counterfeit goods.

Officers want anyone with information about anyone selling counterfeits to get in touch. The hotline is 01384 814600 and callers can be reassured their details will not be needed.

## 500 await decision on danger road crossing

More than 500 people have backed plans for a crossing on a road once labelled one of the most dangerous in Britain. Locals have been given the chance to have their say on proposals for the A456 in Hayley Green, Halesowen.

## MP accused of hypocrisy over winter fuel payouts

A BLACK COUNTRY MP has hit back at criticism from Labour opposition who called him "hypocritical" for backing a charity trying to cut unnecessary winter deaths.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly came under fire for signing up to the Age UK Winter Pledge, saying last year more than 3,300 people aged over 65 across the West Midlands died unnecessarily during the previous winter and it "must come down".

Labour councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell's jobs and economy chief, however questioned how the MP could campaign to cut unnecessary winter deaths, after winter fuel payments were cut by Government.

Mr Kelly MP said: "I realise some people are disappointed their Winter Fuel Payment is less than last year. The temporary increase will not be paid this winter."

"If the Government does not take steps now to ensure we live within our means we'll end up paying higher taxes or making deeper spending cuts just to pay off our debt. We will also burden our children and grandchildren with the bills for the previous Government's mistakes."

Hundreds have campaigned for the last eight years for the road to be made safer.

The road, which featured in an ITV documentary in 2004, was dubbed the second most dangerous in Britain – and families have to cross it each day to reach Lutley Primary School.

A decision will be made in the coming weeks on whether the plans can go ahead.

There are fears someone could be killed after a 91-year-old man was hit by a car on the carriageway last year, suffering a broken arm.

Local councillors say pedestrians "take their lives in their hands" there.

Dudley Council has held a consultation into plans for a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing near the junction with Hayley Park Road.

## Children

Local councillor Ken Turner, said parents and their children find it almost impossible to cross the road.

There have been a number of near misses and he claims drivers often break the 40mph speed limit, leaving pedestrians struggling to get across the road in time, he said.

Families have to cross the carriageway to reach the school. Residents from the Waugh Drive housing estate also cross to the local grocery shop.

Councillor Turner said: "After eight years of hard slog we are finally getting somewhere."

"I am so pleased people will finally be able to cross the road safely and children can walk to school instead of being driven," he added.

## Panto stars keep it in the family



Getting ready for Stourbridge's Robinson Crusoe pantomime are postman Dave Jones, his children, 13-year-old Connor and nine-year-old Stacie, and wife Jo

POSTMAN Dave Jones is hoping to deliver some laughs when he takes to the stage in a pantomime alongside his wife and two children. They are all members of Stourbridge Pantomime Company, which is getting ready for its latest production Robinson Crusoe.

Mr Jones, aged 40, who is also children's entertainer Wally Wombat, will be playing Dame Crusoe while 13-year-old Connor and nine-year-old Stacie are in the junior chorus. His wife Jo, a teaching assistant at

Wrens Nest Primary School, Dudley, will be helping out backstage with props for the show, which runs from January 21 to 28 at Stourbridge Town Hall.

The family, who live in Coopers Bank Road, Brierley Hill, are currently rehearsing three times a week ahead of the opening night. Mr Jones said: "Connor started two years ago and Jo helped out backstage. Last year they were short of actors so I stepped in. This year my daughter has joined us. It's nice that we are all in it together."

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## Work to start on new roof

WORK to install a new roof at a church near Kidderminster to deter metal thieves is expected to start later this month.

The lead roof at St Cassian's Church in Chaddeley Corbett is being replaced.

The roof will be covered with a form of stainless steel after being targeted by thieves. It is believed to be one of the first in the region to use the material to deter the attacks.

The Rev Hugh Burton said it was hoped work could start later this month. Church staff are currently looking at whether services and events would need to be re-arranged but Mr Burton said there was expected to be little disruption.

Tarpaulin is currently being used to keep the rain off parishioners until the work is done. The church has invested £20,000 in Terne stainless steel, which they say is of little value as scrap.

Thieves hit the 12th century church twice within a month over the summer, leaving water pouring in through the roof of the side chapel.

Mr Burton said he was "sickened" by the thefts but felt he had to take action.

## War concert at town hall

A CONCERT hall in the Black Country will turn back the clock for an event celebrating the music and spirit of the wartime era.

The We'll Meet Again Diamond Jubilee show will be staged at Dudley Concert Hall on May 31 starting at 2pm. Tickets are £11.

Other events at the venue, in St James's Road, over the coming months include a show by comedian Dave Gorman. The event, called Dave Gorman - Powerpoint Presentation, will be staged on June 9 at 8pm. Tickets for the show cost £20 from the box office on 01384 812812.

## Cash booster

A GROUP of young dancers from the Black Country have been given £800 to help them take part in an upcoming world championship.

Parents of members of the Dreamz School of Dance, in Stourbridge, have donated £400, which was matched by Birmingham-based employment agency Pertemps People Development Group.

# Post pays out £560,000 in compensation

ROYAL Mail paid out more than £560,000 compensation in 12 months after post was damaged or reported missing in the West Midlands, latest figures reveal.

The bill followed 55,065 complaints from residents which resulted in 28,702 compensation payments at an average of £19.

Figures for the B, DY, ST, WV and WS postcodes, which cover the Black Country and Birmingham, Staffordshire and Kidderminster areas show a total of £569,426 was paid out in 2010/11.

The highest number of complaints were

about mail which went astray. But problems were also logged about post being delivered to the wrong address or being delayed.

The figures have been revealed in the company's annual report for the past financial year.

### Payments

They show that there were 15,118 payments made in Sandwell and Birmingham totalling £360,133. In Wolverhampton, the bill was £41,849 following 5,690 complaints. Residents in Walsall, Cannock and Lichfield were paid £43,975 while the bill

for Stafford and north Staffordshire was £86,138. There were 4,653 complaints made by people living in Dudley, Stourbridge and Kidderminster and Royal Mail awarded compensation of £37,331.

During the 12-month period, a total of £12,521,929 was paid out nationwide following 1,230,398 complaints.

But more than 90 per cent of Midlands first class mail was delivered the next working day, according to the report.

Royal Mail had delivery rates of 90.1 to 93.5 per cent in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell and parts of Stafford-

shire in 2010/11. Bosses said the time period covered some of the worst weather conditions in living memory.

New postal delivery routes are being rolled out across the West Midlands and Staffordshire as part of an overhaul of services in the region. Changes to the mail delivery service are being introduced by Royal Mail over the next 18 months and have started in Dudley. As well as alterations to routes, more postal workers are set to head out on their rounds in vans or with a trolley to deliver items rather than using traditional mail bags.

# Construction firm enjoying bumper year through deals

A CONSTRUCTION firm in Worcestershire is on track for a bumper year after securing contracts worth around £56 million for regeneration projects in the county.

by Heather Large

Thomas Vale, which is based in Stourport and employs 700 people, will be working on schemes including the town's Bridge Street redevelopment.

The company is hoping to improve on last year's record-breaking turnover of £251million after winning several large contracts for 2012-2013. Clients include Wyre Forest District Council.

Other names include the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), British Waterways, Worcestershire County Council and development-partner Clive Fletcher Developments.

The first of the projects is the Bridge Street redevelopment which will link the town centre with the historic canal basins which are nearby.

There will also be a several retail and residential units built as part of the development which council chiefs are hoping will add to the appeal of the market town.

It is expected that a planning application will be lodged in the spring. Council leader John

Campion said: "The council and its partners have been working closely for some time now to bring forward this boost to the local Stourport economy that will increase its attraction as a visitor destination by making use of one of its heritage assets, the canal basins."

Development manager Stuart Buckley said: "This scheme will enhance the commercial and leisure offer for the town and provide a high quality canal side scheme."

"It will create demand for homes and jobs and boost local economic growth."

Meanwhile the company is working on the new £6.5million headquarters for Wyre Forest District Council, which is due to be completed in June.

Workers will move from other council-owned or operated offices currently based around the district.

Older buildings owned by the authority are expected to be sold off to raise cash for the new development.



Natalie Owen, in her air cadet uniform, studying for her degree in history as the uniform she wears in her part-time job at a sports shop hangs on her door

## G-RAF-ter Natalie is working it

REMARKABLE Black Country teenager Natalie Owen is clocking up at least 71 hours work a week knuckling down to a part-time job, studying for a degree and carrying out duties as an ambitious air cadet.

Natalie, aged 19, of Dudley, not only devotes 36 hours a week to her studies, but also spends 15 to 20 hours on a part-time job at a sports clothing shop.

And then a further 25 hours are dedicated to parade nights and other duties as a warrant officer for the 347 Dudley Squadron of the Air Training Corps (ATC).

Stourbridge MP Margot James, who recently met Natalie at the Houses of Parliament, when the air cadets were lobbying for increased Government investment in the RAF, was so impressed with her that she issued a "Twitter" message of admiration.

The MP said: "Natalie holds down three occupations - she studies, she works in retail and she is very committed to the reserves. I was very impressed."

Natalie, of Westfield Road, Dudley, said: "I don't think I'm anything special - it's just that I always need to try to achieve the best."

## NEWS in brief

### Money snatched as ATM targeted

A LARGE cash delivery was snatched as staff restocked a cash machine in the Black Country.

Detectives have launched an investigation after thieves struck as two cash delivery staff stopped at the Barclays ATM on Bank Street, Coseley, at the junction with Birmingham New Road.

As the men got out of their van to restock the cash machine, two men threatened them. The men were both black and wearing dark clothing. Call 0345 1135000.

### Donations to aid church campaign

A GROUP campaigning to reopen a Dudley church are appealing to local people to donate unwanted Christmas gifts to help raise money.

Donations can be taken to the St John's Church Preservation Group drop-in centre, in the former St John's Church School in St John's Church Road, Kates Hill, or to the market stall. The drop-in centre is open Monday to Friday and the phone number is 07522 184461. Email [savestjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:savestjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07871 195042.

### Karate club kick in cash for kids

A KARATE club raised £2,700 for terminally ill children when it kicked off a charity contest in Kidderminster.

Young Gloves Karate students sparred for Starlight Children's Foundation. There were also sequence competitions, a raffle and tombola at the event at King Charles I School. Instructor Justin Thomas said he was proud of the club.

### Swimmers able to make a splash

SWIMMERS in Dudley can make a splash to raise cash for charity as part of a national event.

The Big Splash Challenge swimathon weekend, on April 27-29, will give the opportunity to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care. All council pools in Dudley, Halesowen and Stourbridge will hold sessions.

### Jubilee concert

THE QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated at Dudley Concert Hall on May 31 at 2pm. Tickets are £11 from [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) or on 01384 812812.

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So it might be worth recalling the case of Harold Macmillan who, 55 years ago this week, became prime minister. He served until October 1963 when he resigned, having been diagnosed with inoperable prostate cancer. Under the criteria suggested by the Commission on Assisted Dying, Macmillan might have qualified for assisted suicide.

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ALTHOUGH its predictions are hedged with more "could be" and "we might see" than Old Moore's Almanac, the BBC long-range forecast now suggests above-average temperatures until February. Fingers crossed. We might get away with no winter at all.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# £5m link scheme plan for disused freight line

## £14,000 work on shelters nears end

A £14,000 SCHEME to replace bus shelters at a Black Country bus station is set to be completed in the next few weeks.

Four new stands have now been installed at Gornal Wood Bus Station following the removal of the previous shelters which were outdated.

The final stage of the work will be wiring up the new stands so they will be ready for the installation of information screens.

Officials from Centro said work on the shelters was set to take place over the coming days to complete the long-awaited project.

Talks between the transport authority and Dudley Council have been ongoing for most of the year to find the best way of improving the station. Hundreds of commuters use the station weekly and it was decided an upgrade of shelters was needed. Plans were agreed following a meeting between the two authorities.

## Finance advice

FREE financial advice sessions are being run in Kidderminster and Stourport.

The Citizens Advice Bureau will hold sessions every Wednesday from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the offices in New Road, Kidderminster and at Stourport Methodist Church.

GAS AND diesel-powered trams could take shoppers between Dudley's Merry Hill Centre and Stourbridge Junction railway station under new £5million plans.

## Support service is recruiting

A DUDLEY service which helps people with learning disabilities to have a say in the choices affecting their lives is aiming to double its team of volunteers. Dudley Advocacy has 12 volunteers.

But it is appealing for help to recruit at least another 12. Project worker Karen Jones, who co-ordinates the volunteers, said: "For years, vulnerable people with learning disabilities have been told what to do, where to live and so on. We help to give them a voice."

Anyone interested in being a volunteer advocate can contact Miss Jones on 01384 456877, at Dudley Advocacy, Medway House, 98-99 Dixons Green Road, Dudley, DY2 7DJ, or via email at karen@dudleyadvocacy.org

Parry People Movers wants to open up the old freight line which runs from the old Brierley Hill town station to Stourbridge.

Plans would see larger versions of the 10-metre long Parry People Mover - already in service between Stourbridge Junction and Town stations - ferrying shoppers from the centre.

The Parry Associates Black Country light rail project has already attracted £1m in principle from the Government's Regional Growth Fund.

The freight line connecting the Waterfront via the old Brierley Hill town station - closed since the 1950s - and Ambicote to Stourbridge Junction would be served by three upgraded larger versions of the Parry People Mover.

John Parry, executive chairman of the Cradley Heath-based business said the Black Country project would involve a leasing company putting up £2.5m for the cost of the buying the new trains. The two current Parry People Movers have carried one million passengers since they started operating at Stourbridge in May.

## Crafty way to learn canal art



Cradley Heath artist Julie Tonkin prepares to launch an art course in Halesowen

A PROFESSIONAL artist will be sharing her traditional skills during a 10-week course which is being staged at a Black Country college.

Julie Tonkin, aged 57, of Cradley Heath, will launch the weekly event at Leasowes Community College, in Kent Road, Halesowen, from January 19.

Anyone wishing to learn traditional crafts can join the sessions which will run from 7 until 9pm.

Visitors will be shown how to paint traditional narrow-boat decoration and old-fashioned crafts such as rag rugging along with the intricate art of spider web embroidery and the every popular crochet.

People taking part can also try making their own jewellery. The cost for the 10-week arts and crafts course is £45.

People who are unemployed can take part for free, but will have to pay a £3 registration fee, and pensioners will also get a discount.

For more information about the sessions, call Julie on 01384 569198 or email julie@canal-art-by-julie.co.uk

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## Firms see a drop in offences

CRIME affecting firms in Dudley has fallen by 20 per cent in the past 12 months.

Protecting employees and customers from abuse and physical violence have been among the top priorities for police in the region.

Officers say they have worked hard in the community and with business leaders to reduce fear of anti-social behaviour for employees.

New figures show 2,959 offences were recorded taking place at or involving businesses in 2011.

This is down 20.4 per cent from 3,720 in the previous 12 months – a drop of 761 recorded offences.

Ch Insp Mark Bramwell, of Dudley police, said: "This is a great result for businesses. We will continue to robustly tackle business crime."

Dave Bryce, of Dudley Borough Business Crime Partnership, said: "The partnership believes that when the business community works together, effective controls and conditions can be put in place."

The partnership brings together public bodies such as Dudley Council.

## Railway closure

A £250,000 improvement scheme has halted services at the Severn Valley Railway.

The Kidderminster to Bridgnorth line was closed down as more than a third of a mile of track leading to and through the 480-yard Bewdley Tunnel will be renewed. The public train service is due to resume on February 11.

# TV's DIY rescue team move in after family send out SOS

A TELEVISION crew and building team have moved in to help a Black Country family who sent out an SOS after their efforts to transform their home became a DIY disaster.

by Andrew Turton

TV personality Nick Knowles and his team from DIY SOS have descended on the Whitehouse family home in Lower Gornal, Dudley, to begin work transforming the cramped three bedroom house.

They will be joined by dozens of local tradesmen during the course of the 10-day building project at the house in Park Road.

Parents Joanne and Wayne Whitehouse contacted the show after struggling to complete an extension on their home to create new bedrooms for their children.

So it was lights, camera and plenty of action as a television crew and builders got to work.

The family the TV show team want to help them in their hour of need.

They had contacted the television programme after struggling to finish a much-

needed extension to their cramped house. Parents Joanne and Wayne Whitehouse want to create new bedrooms for their children who suffer from Fragile X Syndrome.

## Remortgaging

After remortgaging their home and spending £27,000 on starting the extension they ran into trouble and were left at their wits' end and still craving more space.

"It has been great to meet everyone and they have been so lovely and down to earth and we are just really excited to see how it is going to turn out," said Joanne, a 40-year-old dinner lady at Cotwall End Primary School, Sedgley.

Between them the couple have three children, Katie, 21, Ginny, nine, and seven-year-old Jack who have to share rooms.

## Social care arts project

A NEW arts project for people receiving social care is being launched in Kidderminster tomorrow. Chipp Shop will run for eight weeks at Kidderminster Library from January 13.

It is organised and run by Worcestershire County Council, the County Arts Service and the social services team in Wyre Forest to cover dance, drama, creative writing and visual arts for beginners, led by arts professionals.

To book a place, email swilson@worcestershire.gov.uk or call arts officer Steve Wilson on 01905 765754.



Presenter Nick Knowles briefs the tradesmen outside the Whitehouse home in Park Road, Lower Gornal



The Whitehouse family, Jack, seven, and Ginny, nine, Wayne and Joanne, Katie, tradesmen and the TV team



The team arrive in their van to start the transformation of the family home in Dudley over the next 10 days

## NEWS in brief

### Litter tidy boosts cancer fund pot

THE TIDY Stourbridge group bagged more than 420 sacks of general litter and around 16,000 drinks cans during 2011.

The group has, as a result of its efforts, now handed over £160 to the Namesake Trust, a breast cancer charity.

Tidy Stourbridge's Alun Nicholas said that, besides litter and drinks cans, the group collected "endless numbers" of glass bottles for recycling.

Metal merchants H A Mason chipped in £10.

### Church will hold choral concert

THE VIVA Musica choir will be performing a matinee concert of popular choral music at St James's Church in Wollaton at 3pm on February 4.

The event will feature compositions by Karl Jenkins, John Rutter and Paul McCartney, and the choir will be joined by Linda May on flute, Tony May clarinet, and pianist Michael Jones.

Tickets cost £7 and are available on the day at the church, or from Music Matters in Market Street, Stourbridge.

### Advice on crime for the over-60s

PEOPLE over 60 in Dudley can get tips about how to avoid being a victim of crime.

The event, organised by West Midlands Police and Dudley's Safe and Sound, will be in the Caslon Suite at the Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill, on January 12 between 10am and midday.

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# Planners set to make site visit in quarry row saga

**PLANNING** chiefs will visit a quarry in Kingswinford before making a decision on controversial proposals for the next stage of a development – amid fears over increased traffic and debris.

Proposals to change the access to Ketley Quarry are among applications submitted by site operators WCL Quarries Ltd.

The latest plans centre on new site offices, a weighbridge, new security fencing, increasing car parking and opening up the use of the Dudley Road entrance.

Most of these have already been built and the applications are for retrospective planning permission – angering members of Dudley Council's development control committee.

Around 25 people including ward councillors have objected to the proposals.

And committee members this week accused quarry bosses of riding "roughshod over planning laws".

### Permission

Councillor John Jones said: "In my view the site should be shut until permission has been granted but that will never happen."

The plans had been recommended for approval by planning officers ahead of Monday night's committee meeting.

But councillors voted to visit the site to see the impact on the local area before making a decision.

Levels of noise and dust have allegedly increased at the site in recent months, according to neighbours of the site.

Ward councillor Patrick Harley, who has campaigned against the plans, told the meeting Dudley Road was an "important gateway" to the south of the borough and needed protecting.

But Andy Morris, speaking on behalf of WCL, said the quarry had been in use since 1882 and the plans would improve the site for workers and residents.

## UB40 star has sax appeal



UB40 saxophonist Brian Travers with students, from left; Sasha Spence, aged 17, Dwayne Holness, Ben Bestwick, both 16 and Daisy Bussey, 17

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# 2,500 sign up against police station changes

## Chiefs meet campaigners



Dudley MP Ian Austin and Assistant Chief Constable Sharon Rowe

CAMPAIGNERS quizzed police chiefs about plans to reduce the opening hours of their station when they visited a Black Country town. Assistant Chief Constable Sharon Rowe and Chief Superintendent Keith Baldwin were shown around Dudley by MP Ian Austin, who has collected a 2,500-name petition against the plans. They were given a tour of the marketplace and the new Dudley College development before being taken to Roger Scott Menswear

AS MANY as 2,500 people have signed a petition against controversial plans to reduce the opening hours of Dudley police station's front desk.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said the petition, signed by residents and traders, showed the high level of concern over the proposals.

Leading police officers have met with traders and shoppers in Dudley town centre in an event organised by Mr Austin. West Midlands Police's Assistant Chief Constable, Sharon Rowe, was being taken on a tour of the High Street and town centre.

The force is proposing to change the current opening hours of 7am to 10pm to 10am to 6pm. Halesowen and Stourbridge police station could also have their opening hours cut overnight as part of the plans affecting 12 stations in the West Midlands.

Mr Austin said: "I think the police do a fantastic job and Sharon Rowe should be praised for making the effort to come down to hear for herself why the majority of residents and shop owners are opposed to these plans.

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"The fact that nearly 2,500 residents and counting have signed our petition shows the level of concern.

Mr Austin submitted the petition to a meeting of West Midlands Police Authority last month where it was announced the consultation deadline would be extended to January 15.

The proposal is part of the battle by West Midlands Police to save £126 million over the next four years.

ACC Rowe said: "There has been a good debate around the proposals, which we expected and encourage.

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### Hassle of renewing your insurance cover

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put me through to their "customer care department, this I declined as I would have been patronised and offered a few pounds reduction, I canceled the policy. As D Bodley stated, why cant they quote the final price from the start.

After spending quite some time on the telephone and getting similar prices, I called my insurer back with a view to accepting a probably small reduction and reinsuring. I telephoned the company asking to be put through

to customer care hoping to do a good deal and reduce the hassle of using a new insurer. I cant put you through to customer care said the voice at the end of the line, why not said I, the answer? I am not a customer said the voice. It was petty and nasty, the conversation ended in rage on my part.

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

## Judge was right over jury member

WELL done to the judge who sentenced Matthew Banks to two weeks in a young offenders unit for failing to show up for jury service.

How can anyone not know the "the summing up of the trial", wasn't important. At 19 he surely must have known it was contempt.

His mother, who took him to the West End musical, says she expected him to get a slap on the wrists. She should be fined or jailed as an accessory. She should stop whingeing and accept he and she were wrong both morally and in law.

**JEAN GREENHALL,**  
Kingswinford.

## Question over town bus stops

CAN anyone explain why, that when leaving Dudley by bus going towards Brierley Hill, there are two bus stops in King Street, but, coming to Dudley from the same direction passengers have either get off the bus at the very top of the town near Asda or the very bottom near the Co-op?

Why could there not be a bus stop in King Street (as was once) thus making it easier for shoppers to get to the post office and the centre of town? Maybe this simple step might help in a very small way help to bring more shoppers into town.

**M GALLAGHER**  
Helliier Street, Dudley.

## No easy answer on problems of hospital parking

I KEEP reading about the problems with Russells Hall car parking. To me the situation will never be resolved because of two main factors.

One being the car park cannot accommodate all the cars at peak times, this also includes the staff there, and two, and it's too expensive for the average motorist.

I must ask the question, if the car park is full, what options does the motorist have, do they miss their visit or appointment and go home, or do they park in the no parking zone?

With the new parking restrictions coming into force, these will be the only two options available, when parking tickets are issued to motorists. They should also put information with the ticket, ie. where to park.

Moving Dudley Guest, Corbett, Wordsley Hospitals, where parking was never a problem, to Russell's Hall, was always going to cause a problem. Why don't Interserve or Dudley council take a positive action, I just don't quite know.

There used to be a park and ride for staff on the Pensnett Trading Estate. This seems to have died. Why not introduce something like this again? The land opposite, could this be acquired and made into a car park. Could be a nice little earner for Dudley council if they acquired it. Only snag here, Dudley car parking is cheaper to park on than the hospitals, so I can't see that working. I guess it's profitable to keep dishing out £60 parking tickets, so here is the challenge to the powers that be. When the car park is full, where do we park? We will be waiting for a reply.

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# Dog owners are hit with fines over pets fouling

SCORES of dog owners across the region are being fined for allowing their pets to foul in public places – but new figures released show that some authorities are cracking down on the problem harder than others.

In Dudley, Wolverhampton and Sandwell, more than 150 people have been issued fixed penalty notices in recent months after being caught letting their dogs mess in public. But neither Walsall or South Staffordshire Council handed out any fines during the course of last year.

Council chiefs in those areas say instead of immediately fining a person, they will issue a warning or, if there is a persistent problem in one location, they will put up anti-fouling signs. Dudley insists the problem needs tough action and have warned

dog owners could end up in court. There were 50 fines of £50 handed out across the borough in 2010/11 and 31 since April 1 last year. Sandwell Council issued 111 fixed penalty notices, while Wolverhampton City Council fined 14 people.

Councillor David Stanley, environment boss in Dudley, said: "Recent court prosecutions and fines should send a clear warning to dog owners that they must clear up after their pets. We will not tolerate this kind of anti-social behaviour anywhere in the borough and will not hesitate to take a court prosecution where appropriate."

South Staffordshire Council spokesman Jamie Angus said: "We feel education is important and we undertake regular patrols, talking to dog owners.

# Mosque battle set to continue

**CONTROVERSIAL £6 million mosque plans in Dudley are set to be thrashed out in yet another courtroom battle after Muslim leaders lodged a fresh defence with High Court judges.**

Dudley Muslim Association has submitted new papers with the High Court in London in a bid to block Dudley Council's plans to buy back land earmarked for the development.

Dudley Council managed to get many of the group's arguments for stopping the buy-back plan thrown out by judges at a court hearing in November.

It had hoped the move would prevent the need for a trial later this year between the two parties bidding to wrestle control of the Hall Street site.

But Dudley Muslim Association was given

time to resubmit its defence. And the council has said it had now been lodged with the High Court in London.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor Les Jones, said: "The Dudley Muslim Association has put in an amended defence to the High Court, which the council is currently considering."

## Amended

Details of what the Dudley Muslim Association's defence contains have not yet been revealed. Dudley Muslim Association chairman, Dr Khurshid Ahmed, was unavailable for comment.

It is not known when judges will run the rule over the amended defence to decide if it is substantial enough to allow the trial to go ahead.

If High Court judges uphold the Dudley Muslim Association's defence a full trial is still scheduled to take place between June and Octo-

ber. Dudley Council was given the right to buy back the land if the mosque had not been substantially built by 2009.

Dudley Council and the association have been at loggerheads with the proposals now for six years.

The council's development control committee refused the original plans on February 27, 2007, against the advice of its own planning officers.

But in July 2008 the planning inspectorate reversed Dudley Council's decision, granting outline planning permission for the mosque, after an appeal by the Dudley Muslim Association.

Dudley Council's planning committee threw out the association's most recent full planning application in September amid thousands of objections from residents. Yet the association could still appeal that decision to the planning inspectorate.

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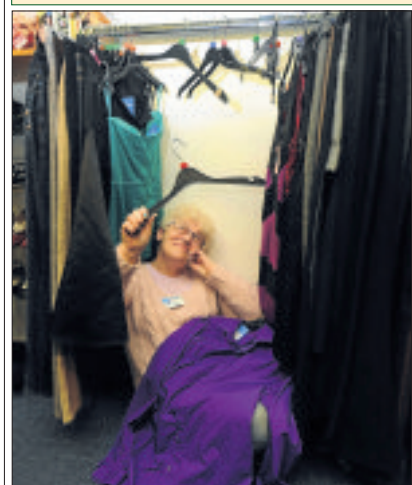
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## More stock wanted



Sue Ryder volunteer Jacqui Symonds who is hoping for more donations to fill the shop's coat hangers

STAFF at a Bewdley charity shop have launched an urgent appeal for stock to help fill their shelves.

The Sue Ryder Care shop in Load Street is running low on items to sell to raise vital funds.

Workers and volunteers said they would welcome donations of clothes, books, bric-a-brac, toys, jewellery, handbags, toys and household items. Manager Dawn Harvey urged people to start their spring-cleaning early to help find clothes and books they no longer wanted.

"We are running low on stock. I think because of the recession people are keeping hold of things for longer. But we would be very grateful for anything people feel they are able to donate," she said.

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# Community group aims to keep old civic site open

A COMMUNITY group has been launched with the aim of keeping a long-serving civic building in Wyre Forest open to the public.

Wyre Forest District Council announced it would be moving out of the Stourport Civic Centre next year to move into new headquarters – sparking fears it would be closed down. But a business case has been submitted to the authority for the site to be transferred to the ownership of a holding company made up of community groups.

Now the Friends of the Civic group has been set up to move the plans forward and have held their first meeting.

The group is looking for volunteers willing to get involved in the running of the site. Members will also be on hand to answer questions about its aims and plans for the future.

Vice chairman of the group, John Caldwell, said: "The purpose of the friends is to support us in providing a venue for the community."

"Income from friends subscriptions will make a valuable contribution towards fundraising for items which in turn enables us to provide better services for the community."

If the takeover plans go through, the council would also provide a £500,000 launch fund.

Under the business plan, the holding company would take over ownership of the centre in June 2012.

The company would include representatives for Stourport Town Council, Stourport Forward and the Friends of the Civic.

The company would own and manage the site and the Friends would also manage the adjacent theatre. The offices at the site would be used by private and public organisations. The plan has been developed over the past year by the Stourport Facilities Project Steering Group which includes members of the town council, district councillors and a county councillor.

# Extra four gipsy sites for town are to be considered

WYRE FOREST Council is putting forward an extra four possible locations for gipsy and traveller camps – all of them in Stourport.

They are on top of three Stourport sites already recommended for gipsy and traveller camps. It follows a hotly-debated public consultation on the controversial issue.

Councillors ditched proposed sites in Bewdley, Wolverley and Cookley from their shortlist, as well as another site at Manor Farm in Stourport, following a storm of opposition from local residents.

But Councillor Fran Oborski, who chairs the district's Local Development Framework (LDF) panel, said there were less than 20 objections to sites in the Sandy Lane area of Stourport, where three of the newly suggested locations are.

Councillor Oborski added: "Gipsies have been in the Wyre Forest for over 100 years and most live in the area around Sandy Lane. "The proposed sites are in that area. It's hard to talk about fairness – we can't put a gipsy site where gipsies don't want to be."

The LDF panel will, on January 16, consider – in a private session – recommendations from council officers to turn a temporary permission for eight pitches at The Gatehouse site in Sandy Lane into a permanently allowed traveller camp.

The LDF panel will make recommendations at a public meeting of Wyre Forest's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on January 30 at 6pm in Stourport Civic Hall.

## Boy drew on talent



Flute-playing youngster Drew Wright who has raised funding for charity

A YOUNG musician has raised more than £450 for charity after his flute playing proved a hit.

Drew Wright, aged 10, from Wheatridge Close, Wall Heath, originally set out to raise £50 for charity and, accompanied by mum Karen, decided to play for shoppers in his home town.

But his performances proved such a success he ended up raising far more. He started by playing for shoppers outside the Compton Hospice shop in Wall Heath but was quickly invited into other shops in the town. He also played on Christmas Eve in the market area of Kingswinford.

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# Images show revamp will modernise school



The school will have a modern appearance, with more space for pupils



**NEW IMAGES** have been unveiled which show how a primary school near Kidderminster could look once it has undergone a long-awaited overhaul.

The scheme at Cookley Sebright Primary School will see a new extension, the demolition of a swimming pool and classrooms and the removal of temporary buildings.

The plans have been in the pipeline for several years and a planning application for the work has been submitted to Worcestershire County Council.

Worcestershire's planing department will make a decision on the scheme but Wyre Forest District Council has also been consulted as the scheme falls within its area.

Worcestershire County Council spokeswoman Charlotte Broome said: "At present there is no timescale for a decision."

The school was built in 1884 although there have been a number of additions and extensions over the years, predominantly between 1966-1970 when flat-roofed classroom blocks were added to the front and back of the site.

## Modern

The new images, released by the county council, show the revamped school will have more of a modern look, with more space for youngsters to enjoy.

The proposals have been drawn up by county council chiefs amid concerns that there is a lack of group spaces in the existing building and that some classrooms can only be accessed through the hall or other teaching areas. There are also concerns that many of the facilities are undersized and unsuitable for some of the older children and that the buildings have a high running cost.

Under the plans the "substandard elements" of the existing school, which are impracticable to extend or upgrade, will be demolished but the historic parts of the building will be retained and adapted to suit the requirements of a larger school.

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# Canal project celebrates as it gains £9,000 boost

AROUND £9,000 has been raised for canal heritage projects in Stourbridge following a festive fundraising project. Stourbridge Navigation Trust is celebrating raising one of its best ever totals. The events were held throughout December. Money came from the trust's annual Santa trips led by its own boat The Blackcountryman along nearby waterways.

The trips take passengers on a tour of the Stourbridge canal. Youngsters then get the chance to visit Santa at the Bonded Warehouse, off Canal Street. Trust financial director Chris Dyche said everyone was delighted with the sum, which will be ploughed back into the local waterways.

# Metal thieves are sentenced along with scrap dealer

THREE MEN and the scrap dealer they offered £1,600 of stolen bronze to have all been given community orders. The three had bought a wheelie bin full of the metal for just £50 and then dropped it off at David Higgins's firm in Shaw Road, Dudley.

## Decision on the future of leisure site is imminent

A DECISION on the future of Kidderminster's leisure centre and swimming pool is expected this month.

A report is being drawn up following a consultation with residents in October and will go before the council's cabinet on January 31.

It is expected it will make a recommendation to councillors which could spell the closure of the Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre. Under the proposals, the complex would shut and a replacement centre would be built at a location which has yet to be decided.

There are also proposals to transfer the management of Stourport Sports Centre and Bewdley Leisure Centre over to local community groups as part of the same scheme. More than 500 people responded to the consultation on the plans with some 63 per cent of respondents wanting to keep the current provision.

Meanwhile 33 per cent supported an increase in council tax to fund a new build, with 47 per cent against and 10 per cent saying they had no real opinion. The most popular new facilities requested were a 25-metre pool, sports hall, gym, cafe and learner pool.

Council leader John Campion said a report with a recommendation on whether the council should press ahead was being prepared.

# New birth is boost to endangered antelope

A BABY antelope born at West Midland Safari Park has boosted numbers of a critically endangered species giving conservationists cause for celebration.

The addax antelope was born at the attraction, in Bewdley, on December 1 and will remain in a heated stable with her mother until the weather gets warmer.

Keepers at the park said the birth was vitally important in terms of conservation as there are only 300 of the species left.

The species, also known as the screwhorn antelope, originally hails from the Sahara Desert.

Numbers have declined in their native country due to unregulated hunting.

It had been stolen from Ian Bennett Engineering Ltd, Brierley Hill, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

Staff from the firm found the bronze at Higgins's firm M&S Metals.

Alan Buckingham, aged 25, Wayne Golden, 27, and Mike Metembie, 19, all pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods.

Scrapyard owner David Higgins, 32, of Stanton Grove, Dudley Port, also admitted the same offence and failing to make a record of metal he received.

### Cranes

Mr David Truelove, prosecuting, said the "highly valuable" metal was stolen from the Mill Street firm on September 3.

Mr Shabeer Qureshi, defending, said Higgins - who has since shut his business - was trying to "keep afloat" at the time. All four were given 12-month community orders.

Buckingham and Metembie, both of Valley Road, Lye, must do 180 hours of unpaid work each, while Golden, of Wavell Road, Quarry Bank, must undergo 12 months supervision due to a drug problem. He was also disqualified from driving for 12 months. Higgins must do 240 hours of unpaid work. All must pay £200 each in costs. M&S Metals Ltd in Reaves Street, Walsall have asked us to point out they have no connection to the firm Higgins ran.

### Annual Bolt

THE sixth annual "Blake-down Bolt" - a 10km race near Kidderminster will be held on June 22, starting at 7.15pm. Information and entry forms can be found at [www.churchvillage.co.uk](http://www.churchvillage.co.uk) with emails to [blakedownbolt@live.co.uk](mailto:blakedownbolt@live.co.uk)



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# Preparations underway to get chairlift moving

The final preparations are being made before a £117,000 project to restore Dudley Zoo's chairlift gets under way in April.

The renovations are expected to take 12 weeks to complete and bosses hope to open the attraction to visitors in the middle of July. All of the chairlift's 47 chairs will be refurbished along with the roller system which carries the cable and the engine. It will carry visitors from the zoo's lower level near the main entrance up the hill to the 11th century Dudley Castle in two minutes.

There will be panoramic views across Sandwell to Birmingham while families travel directly over flamingoes, llamas and rare breed sheep grazing on the banks.

Chief executive Peter Suddock, said: "We are currently finalising details to allow the schedule to start in April so the chairlift will be open to visitors by the middle of July."

"We are so thrilled this is happening. One of the most common questions we are asked by national and overseas visitors is 'when's the chairlift going to be running?' so we are very well aware that the refurbishment will create lots of interest."

## Drawings

"We have all the original drawings, and despite its age the changes mainly centre on cosmetic refurbishment where the chairlift has suffered exposure to the elements, and slight modification to the T-bars on the chairs."

"It's a fantastic piece of machinery and a tribute to 1950s engineering techniques."

The chairlift opened to visitors on May 11, 1958 and within six months had carried more than 154,000 passengers. The journey cost six pence but 2012 passengers will be able to use it for free.

Funding for the project has come from a £1.2million bid for Heritage Lottery Funding, which will also see the restoration of four of the site's 12 listed modernist structures.



Dudley Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock inspects the chairlift

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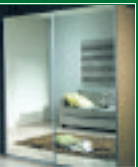
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## Christmas gathering a success

### BLACKHEATH TG

THE Christmas meeting was opened by our Vice Chairman Doreen Smith at the Moose Hall, Blackheath.

She welcomed members and a visitor and said business would be kept to a minimum as the group would be enjoying its Christmas party.

Doreen thanked all ladies for their help with the carol service on December 7 at The Central Methodist Church, Blackheath.

The service was a great success with carols sung by a local choir, readings from the nativity and carols for all the congregation to join in.

A collection was made for the group's charity, Acorns Children's Hospice and a magnificent amount of more than £400 was raised.

The party then began and the group was entertained by members with songs, stories and recitations.

A free raffle for members was held and winners were given gift vouchers. Another raffle was held with prizes donated by members, and a further £50 was raised for our charity.

Members then enjoyed mince pies baked by Joyce Dennehy, cheese and biscuits, wine, tea and coffee. Christmas cards and greetings were exchanged.

Doreen then closed the meeting, wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

The next meeting is on January 25 at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road at 10.30am. Visitors are welcomed.

### CLUB NEWS

## Festive table with season's greetings



Lord Lieutenant Sir James Hawley carves the turkey at the Christmas lunch

### CANNOCK LIONS CLUB

CANNOCK Lions Club provided an excellent home cooked Christmas lunch for members of SSAFA - soldiers, sailors, airmen and families association) in December.

Lord Lieutenant Sir James Hawley KCVO TD carved the turkey. Santa was also in attendance along with lions district governor Beryl Roberts who said: "This is what lions do best, serving their local communities". Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club Male Voice Choir provided the excellent entertainment including a visit from Ernie the Fastest

milkman in the West. Cannock Lions Club would like to thank Novellis UK for donating the wine to accompany the meal to make it a merry occasion, and to Famous Grouse for the whiskey sent as gifts.

More photos and video can be seen on Cannock Lions Facebook page and website.

If you are interested in finding out more about Cannock Lions Club and what they do, call Beverley on 07744 202842.

## Big get-together was great

### Wollaston "E" TWG

CAROL services at both Cobden Street Methodist Church, Wollaston and St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, at which our guild choir performed were both successful occasions.

Proceeds from Cobden Street Church will be sent to a children's charity, to be decided by the committee.

### WOLLASTON

December 13 was the date of the Christmas party to which representatives of neighbouring guilds were invited, namely federation, Norton, Oldswinford, Kingswinford and Grange.

The meal arranged by the committee and members,

was most enjoyable and fully appreciated. Afterwards, entertainment was provided by the duo of Dentith and Price when everyone joined in a good "sing-song".

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All Electric have years of successful association with different manufacturers so all the work carried out by technicians at My Garage will be by experienced and factory trained personnel - many of whom have also gained Master Technician status. The new European Block Exemption changes mean that My Garage Stourbridge can carry out service work on all cars under warranty (i.e. those under three years old). Branded products are always used when required and customers with older vehicles will be given a choice of parts to be fitted to their cars. This means that My Garage service and repairs bills will suit all pockets and situations.

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Our Simple Servicing menu can be clearly seen in our newspaper adverts, in our reception area and of course on our website [www.mygaragestourbridge.co.uk](http://www.mygaragestourbridge.co.uk)

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A family sitting down to tea in September 1940. The Blitz had begun. Notice the taped-over windows (to stop glass splintering), and the banana (a treat soon to disappear)



A mealtime check in 1944. The portion chart on the wall showed fair sizes of food helpings under rationing rules.



Shoppers got used to long queues. These women in 1945 were waiting hopefully to see if the fishmonger had any fish



This photo of 'Peter' and 'Pam' using a mangle to dry the washing appeared in Picture Post magazine in 1941. Dad was away in the RAF, and the children were helping mum

# Make do and mend is making a comeback

"MAKE DO and Mend" was once a phrase only heard of in wartime Britain but now the philosophy is enjoying a resurgence.

Whether it's the worldwide recession, concern for the environment or the latest celebrity trend - Make Do and Mend (MDM) is making a comeback.

In 1940s Britain, MDM was a necessity as clothes rationing was introduced and pre-war clothing factories switched their production lines to the war effort. Official advice from the government was to "always carry a needle and cotton and mending silk with you - this will save many a ladder in stockings or prevent the loss of buttons".

Clothing coupons were introduced but with each 15-month personal clothing allowance including

**MEMORY LANE**  
by Fiona Carding

just one pair of socks every four months, one shirt every 20 months, and one jacket every two years - a stitch in time saved coupons as well as clothes.

New life for old sheets was the battle cry from Mrs Sew-and-Sew, a cartoon character created by the government during World War II to encourage women to make do and save buying new. A MDM leaflet by the Ministry of Information states, "Not only sheets but all your household things must be made the very most of."

Kay Reynolds from Dudley said: "When I was growing up in Oldbury in the early fifties my mother still

cut worn bed sheets down the centre to extend their life.

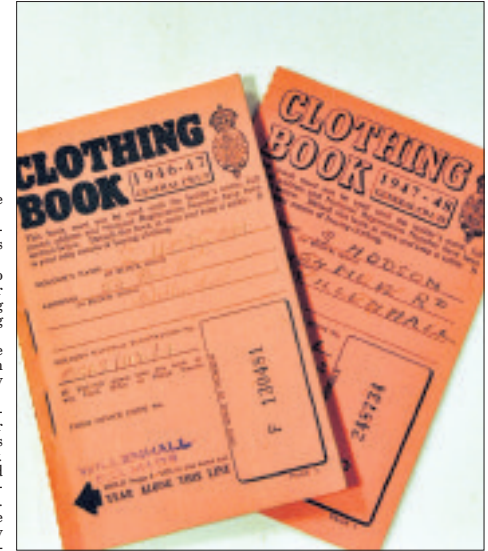
She would turn them over and restitch them, tucking the worn areas under the mattress.

Then when the sheets were too worn to use they were cut down for pillow cases before finally becoming dusters and dish cloths. Nothing went to waste."

"Frayed shirt cuffs would be unpicked, flipped over and sewn back on - the frayed edges neatly hidden away."

Utility furniture was also available and those who had lost their homes in air raids and newly weds were some of those who could apply.

Long before anyone had coined the term recycling - our grandmothers were already skilled experts. Perhaps, in these tough times, we need to take a leaf out of the history books and practise the 3R's of Recycling, Renewing and Reinventing.



Clothing ration books belonged to S Hodson of Willenhall.

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## There's hope for the silent sufferers

It's hard to imagine after losing natural teeth things could ever be quite the same again.

Denture wearers for too long have often tolerated a catalogue of unresolved problems from poor stabilisation, where prosthetics move on the gums, to an inability to eat a healthy diet.

Added to the physical challenges are the carefully hidden embarrassing moments and the restrictions of being able to live life impulsively. These issues are further

compounded for some by an emotionally corrosive inability to smile freely.

Denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng), who heads the team at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "For some, losing teeth is life changing and not for the better."

But he is keen to send out a message of hope to the silent sufferers with four major treatment models now available at his clinic aimed at reversing "an untold catalogue of misfortunes" and restoring a warm and engaging smile.

Added to the comprehensive clinical toolbox of solutions - which includes traditional dentures; a cleverly designed suction denture which is held in place by tiny diaphragms creating a vacuum between the gums and teeth; and implant retained dentures - is a system known as All-on-4.

In this feature we take a snapshot of each procedure and in accessible language explain the clinical options available from Mr Burchell and his team.

ULTRA SUCTION



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## Suction offers a new solution

A cutting-edge development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered at the Denture Clinic.

The invention has the potential to improve the life quality of patients who have previously experienced long-term problems with ill-fitting dentures.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the dentures.

A clever diaphragms principle, triggered by the bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

### Expectations

Mr Burchell, whose clinic attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can only describe as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product.

"Implant dentistry is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The beauty of this technology from New Zealand is that it offers excellent denture retainer qualities without surgery.

"We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another tool in our commitment to always try to deliver results which are greater than patient expectations," adds Mr Burchell.

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# Transformations



And coming soon, the clever teeth you don't have to take out to clean ...

### REMOVABLE DENTURES

**A**RE they real, or are they false? With cutting-edge technology it's hard to know the difference between natural teeth and clever dentures.

Clinic principal Steve Burchell, whose work has attracted interest from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye, Eastbourne and North Wales, is driving hard a message of hope, which is helping to change the image of false teeth and the people who wear them.

Mr Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), says: "It's my experience that there are too many people putting up with ill-fitting dentures. With lips that are pinched, lower dentures with excessive mobility allowing food ingress between the plate and the gums, sore spots and teeth that do not function well, it's no wonder so many wearers feel at a loss in their search for solutions to their problems.

But the clinician, who has earned a country-wide reputation as a 'smile mechanic', is buoyant about the future for solutions with dentures.

He passionately embraces what he calls "the denture revolution" offering traditional denture wearers precise fittings with the latest injection moulding techniques and natural-looking teeth that are functional too.

"We desperately want people to know there is a solution for most problems. The clinic has a vast wealth of experience to draw upon and we promise to give as much time as people need to resolve issues with the best clinical outcomes," Mr Burchell adds.

### IMPLANT RETAINED

**A**GROWING number of satisfied patients have found a renewed confidence by ditching their traditional dentures for implant retained dentures.

The procedure that became an established form of dentistry in the United States in recent years can now be carried out with the Denture Clinic - and the transition can mean new teeth, which can function just as if they were your own.

Fixed with small titanium screw-like mechanisms that are set, and eventually fused into the bone, they act an effective substitute for the roots of your missing teeth.

Implantologist, Mr Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the clinic has a long-established working relationship, undertakes all the surgical procedures.

Research reveals that as little as two dental implants in the lower jaw will significantly stabilise the prosthetic. A similar procedure can secure the upper teeth, normally with four implant fixings.

The dentures can be snapped on and off their fixings by the patient and provide a guaranteed solution for stabilisation problems.

Advantages include a harmonious fit with gums, the possibility of improved speech and taste, natural chewing function and bite, no more tilting and the end of pressure spot discomfort, restored chewing ability, improved diet, the end of further jaw bone erosion and the smile of your dreams.

### ALL-ON-4



A treatment pioneered in Portugal that offers denture wearers teeth that never have to be taken out for cleaning is arriving at the clinic in the New Year. Known as All-on-4, the system embraces implant technology with just four securing post supporting a titanium framework of teeth.

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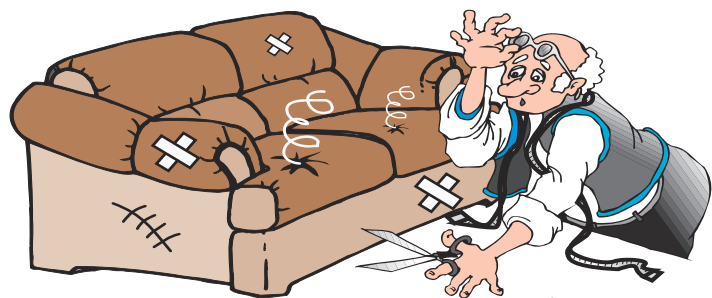
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The new £25m underpass on the A41 is taking shape in West Bromwich and should be open within months

## Underpass in town is well on target to open on time

**WORK is ploughing forward on the £25 million A41 underpass in West Bromwich, as these latest pictures show – and is on target to open to drivers within months.**

The multi-million pound new road scheme is designed to speed up traffic and improve access into the town centre and junction one of the M5. The scheme is set to open in late summer.

Sandwell's neighbourhoods boss, Councillor Derek Rowley, welcomed the progress. He said: "We expect the underpass scheme to be completed in late summer 2012 and the new pedestrian footbridge is expected to be opened just before that. The existing footbridge will remain in place and will not be closed.

Once completed, motorists will be able to drive under the existing traffic island at West Bromwich fire station, away from West Bromwich and in the direction of the M5 and Birmingham.

The roundabout carries around 63,000 vehicles a day and it is hoped the development will cut journey times.

It will tie in with regeneration of the town including the creation of a £200 million shopping and leisure development



Ben Joyce, sub agent, takes a look over the building work taking place



The project to improve access to the town is progressing well

by Tesco, which is now under way, the new BT building, the new Sandwell College on Spon Lane and the new police station in Moor Street.

The east and west bridges that will support the new All Saints roundabout are both substantially complete and open to traffic.

### Completed

Meanwhile, work on the new landmark cable stayed footbridge is also progressing well.

New junctions in and out of the Providence Place office development have also been completed and cables for the new traffic signals and street lights have been laid, with part of the new lighting now operational.

Once done, the A41 junction scheme will also improve pedestrian and cycle links to the centre.

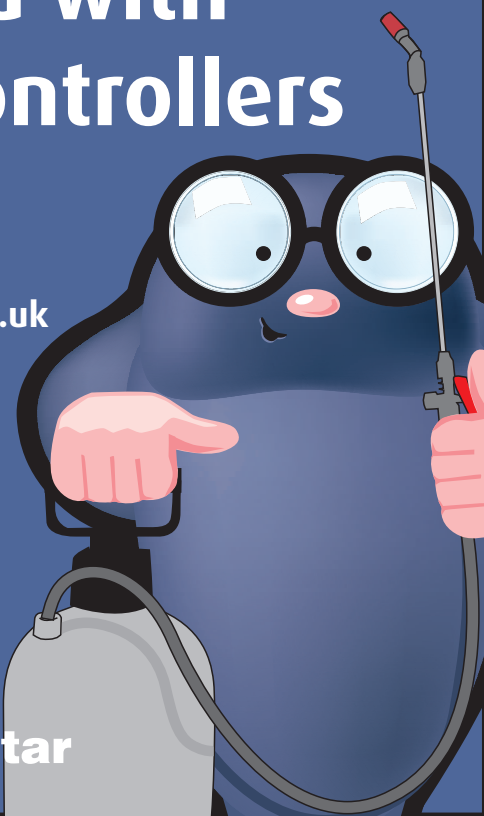


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# Work to link tourist attractions

**DIGGERS are expected to move in to start a multi-million pound project to link two tourist attractions in a Black Country town by the end of the month, it was revealed today.**

Final preparations are being made for work to start on land around the Castle Hill area of Dudley level centre.

The project will see a joint access created to Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust from Tipton Road.

The scheme will also see a new arrival centre built, and a number of other projects completed.

The first task will be to clear the area ready for a link road to be built between the sites.

An exact date has not been set but council regeneration chief Angus Adams said a start

was expected "very shortly" and that plans were "progressing well".

Detailed plans are being drawn up for the road, which will run from near the Trading Post premises in Castle Hill to the back of the museum in nearby Tipton Road.

The road will also provide access to the Dudley Canal Trust which is at the back of the museum.

## Shared

The scheme also includes a large car park which would be shared by the borough attractions.

Council chiefs are now planning a programme of road closures for the area while the work is due to be carried out.

The £10m scheme will see the creation of a new hotel and shopping precinct on vacant land next to the proposed site of the new Dudley

Archives building. It is hoped the project will pave the way for dozens of new businesses and turn the district into a tourism and leisure hub which will help regenerate the town and provide much-needed jobs.

The foundation of this hub will be created with the building of a shared arrival point and car parking for visitors coming to the three attractions.

Councillor Adams said: "Plans have been moving quickly but they are still quite liquid at the moment."

"There have been no delays and preparations are going well so we can expect to start work shortly," added Councillor Adams.

The work is just one of many projects which are designed to breathe new life into the town centre which is currently bidding to become a city.

# Labourer thought stun weapon was child's toy

A LABOURER picked up what he thought was a "toy" on a children's playground - but it turned out to be a banned stun gun, a court heard.

The device, which was a plastic knuckleduster with a built-in stun gun, was found by Richard Williams, from Dudley, on a play area in Hill Top Park, West Bromwich.

But he ended up in court after police were called to his home by a member of his family and the gun was handed over.

Williams, aged 42, of Selbourne Road, admitted possessing the stun gun, which could emit an electrical discharge, and Dudley magistrates ordered him to do 100 hours community service and pay £85 costs.

The court also ordered the destruction of the weapon. Mr Richard Burch, defending,

said if Williams had not picked it up, a child could have found it and injured themselves.

Mr Burch told the court: "It was a matter of curiosity killed the cat. He thought it was a children's toy. He had no realisation that what he was doing was illegal."

"A Taser or stun gun is prohibited for anyone to have - you don't have to have a guilty mind."

"It is a criminal offence merely to have it, even though you don't necessarily know what it is."

"If a child had picked it up, the child might have injured him or herself."

"So he did some good by picking it up."

He said Williams had recently been suffering depression and stress following an unhappy divorce.

## Zoom to the zumba



Suzanne Richardson and members of her Zumba class prepare for the event

FITNESS fanatics are being urged to strut their stuff on the dancefloor for a fundraising zumba session next month.

Dancers are needed to take part in the sponsored event on February 18 at the Great Hall at Dudley College in the Broadway. It will run from midday until 3.00pm.

Proceeds from the event will go to Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind.

The class will be hosted by instructor Suzanne Richardson. All the cash will go to the charity. For further information contact Karen Gullick on 01902 880111 or email kgullick@beacon4blind.co.uk

## Chance to put spring in your step at centre

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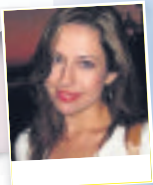
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**DAWN** attractive, slim female, 45, N/S, no ties, WLTm tall, fit male with get up and go attitude towards life. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375825 📱

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**JANE** 46, single mum, N/S, romantic, likes dancing, nights out, music, seeking male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380591 📱

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**SLIM** attractive lady with long auburn hair just wants to have a good time with likeminded older guy up to 75yrs. Looks/status unimportant. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368119 📱

**JANE** 40's, blonde blue eyed petite build, with ties, WLTm understanding tall, caring man for daytime meets. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375141 📱

**DIVORCED** very lonely single mum, young looking, slim, attractive, WLTm similar male for companionship. Age/looks/status unimportant. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370023 📱

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**MANDY** 36, size 10, looking for relationship with open-minded man. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 360317 📱

**RACHEL** 38, slim, attractive, works full time, seeks sensitive, funny gent for friendship, companionship, hopefully relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375929 📱

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**CLARE** good looking, beautiful blonde, seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378209 📱

**FEMALE** looking for gent, 65-70, caring, loving and independent. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378295 📱

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**PROFESSIONAL** independent lady, 49, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 359351

**ATTRACTIVE** female, 45, slim, affectionate, intelligent, seeks honest, caring male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 301001

**53YR** old female, young at heart, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, pubs, walks, holidays, seeks genuine, trustworthy male, 48-56. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 339275

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**HOLLY** 25, slim, attractive, brunette, likes gym, WLTm nice, sensitive male of similar age for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380851 📱

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**JEFF** slim, fit, active, 60, open-minded, seeks attractive lady, 40-60 for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 379997 📱

**54YR** old divorced male, OHAC, seeks female under 50 for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 379729 📱

**ATTRACTIVE** tall honest guy, 48, polite, respectful with GSOH, seeks female for fun relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 371823

**JOHN** 48, 5ft 10ins, warm, intelligent, hardworking, unconventional, unpretentious, seeks sensitive, intelligent lady. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388412

**MIKE** friendly guy 48, tall, fit, GSOH, seeks lady for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376921

**MARK** single dad, seeking female for nights in/out, possible relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381779

**MALE** 58, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, GSOH, seeks female 50-60, to share happiness and life with. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370649 📱

**KEVIN** 44, divorced, 5ft 8ins, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, easygoing, down to earth, likes meals out, cinema, seeks N/S female. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 377207 📱

**DANIEL** 49, tall, attractive, GSOH, seeks lady for fun relationship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382559 📱

**BILLY** 50, black, Christian, 5ft 5ins, GSOH, seeks warm, genuine, Christian lady. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382425 📱

**FUN** loving professional male, 37, seeks female for company, nights in/out, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382417 📱

**62YR** old male, divorced, medium build, dark hair, GSOH, enjoys music, sport, gardening, socialising, seeks local lady for LTR. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382401

**KEVIN** solvent, 6ft 2ins, athletic, looking for soul mate. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382385

**JOE** seeking fun, sexy girl in similar area. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382345

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**ATTRACTIVE** tall, dark, professional male, 47, GSOH, enjoys sport, socialising, good company, seeks female with GSOH for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380897

**DAVID** 54, 5ft 9ins, seeks female, 22-58 for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 374599

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**ALAN** young 62, N/S, slim, solvent, successful, OHAC, WLTm sensitive, caring female, 50-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380651 📱

**MALE** 50, fit, friendly, down to earth, seeks female for fun. Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 372407

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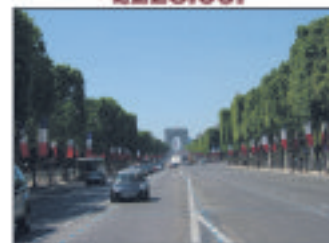
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6.35 The Magicians. Countryfile presenter Julia Bradbury. Strictly Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood and former Baywatch star David Hasselhoff join professional illusionists to perform tricks.

7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Presented by Nick Knowles.

8.40 Casualty. Paediatric doctor Tom Kent is faced with a mystery. 9.30 Live at the Apollo. Jason Manford guest-hosts the stand-up show.

10.00 BBC News: Weather. 10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Bolton Wanderers; National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show. Highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Football League.

12.55 Weatherview. 1.00 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 The Sky at Night. (R) 12.20 Film: Miss Sadie Thompson. (1953) Musical, starring Rita Hayworth. 1.50 Film: Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Joan Plowright and Rupert Friend. 3.30 Film: The World's Fastest Indian. (2005) Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins. 5.30 Escape to the Country. (R)



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6.30 Flog It! Contestants from Paisley and Plymouth take part. (R) 7.30 Dad's Army. The heroes take two prisoners. (R) 8.00 The Man Who Made Eric & Ernie. A profile of TV producer Bill Cotton. (R)

9.00 Ken Russell: A Bit of a Devil. Alan Yentob reflects on the career of Ken Russell.

9.50 FILM: Women in Love. (1969) Two couples' holiday in Switzerland leads to unexpected changes in their relationships. Ken Russell's drama, based on DH Lawrence's novel, starring Alan Bates.

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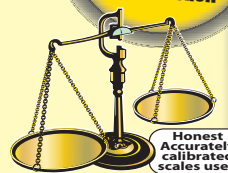
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## 6.35 The Magicians.

Countryside presenter Julia Bradbury. Strictly Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood and former Baywatch star David Hasselhoff join professional illusionists to perform tricks.

## 7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.

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## 8.40 Casualty.

Paediatric doctor Tom Kent is faced with a mystery.

## 9.30 Live at the Apollo.

Jason Manford guest-hosts the stand-up show.

## 10.00 BBC News; Weather.

Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Bolton Wanderers; National Lottery Update.

## 11.40 The Football League Show.

Highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Football League.

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**6.30** Flog It! Contestants from Paisley and Plymouth take part. (R)

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The heroes take two prisoners. (R)

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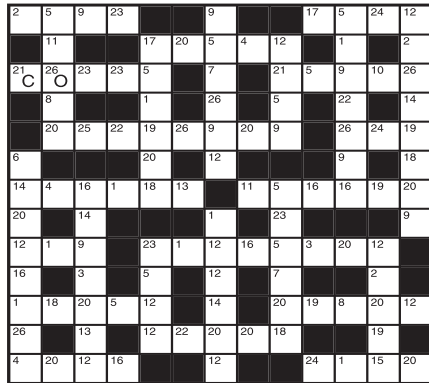


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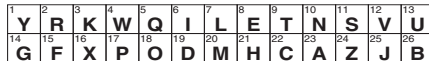
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- All measured out like a good road (8)
- His choice will get cross! (7)
- Results of questionable actions? (7)
- I cleaned a copy - it could be a valuable book (13)
- One gets four or six in the test, but it's unimportant (7)
- Permission to give the fellow an appointment (7)
- Smoothed out on board, perhaps (6)
- Beaten by one particular suit? (7)
- Arranged, but not voluntarily (7)
- Elf makes random trips over the East (6)
- Stop knitting and prepare for sea (4,3)
- Theirs is an exacting business (7)

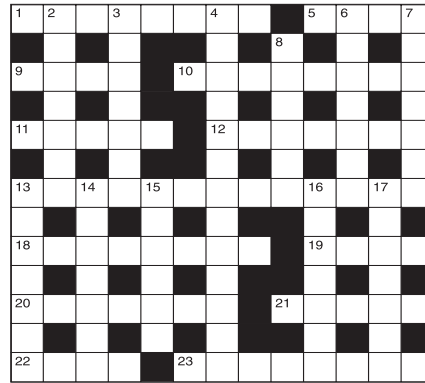
## Down

1. Rapturous (8)
2. Praise (4)
3. Support (4)
4. Gets (8)
5. Unspoken (5)
6. Signal (7)
7. Without a delegate (13)
8. Shrink (8)
9. Legend (4)
10. Feeling (7)
11. Monstrosity (5)
12. Standard (4)
13. Control (8)

## Quick Clues:

## Across

1. Rapturous (8)
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4. Gets (8)
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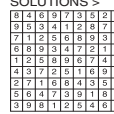


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Assent; 4 Combat; 9 Divorce decree; 10 Correct; 11 Emits; 12 Fives; 14 Stage; 18 Tiler; 19 Diocese; 21 Breach of faith; 22 Easier; 23 Elders. Down: 1 Addict; 2 Severe illness; 3 Nurse; 5 Overeat; 6 Burning desire; 7 Theist; 8 Heats; 13 Earache; 15 Stable; 16 Add on; 17 Meshes; 20 Offal. QUICK - Across: 1 Duress; 4 Abduct; 9 Secret Service; 10 Omitted; 11 Inter; 12 Pitch; 14 Charm; 18 Trail; 19 Extrude; 21 Prime Minister; 22 Denote; 23 Pledge. Down: 1 Despot; 2 Recrimination; 3 Sweet; 5 Burnish; 6 Uninterrupted; 7 Theory; 8 Aside; 13 Collect; 15 Stupid; 16 Peril; 17 Degree; 20 Trial.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;



## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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The letter represented by the question mark is P. Syphony, arpeggio, rhapsody, all musical terms.



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A beautifully presented semi detached family home briefly comprising of: Three Bedrooms with the Main Bedroom Having Fitted Wardrobes, Spacious Living Room, Modern Dining Kitchen, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, House Bathroom with Shower, Gardens and 2 Allocated Parking Spaces.

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#### HALESOWEN, MAPLE ROAD

Located in the centre of Blackheath, is this lovely and spacious unfurnished three bed mid terraced, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Two Reception Rooms, Cottage Style Kitchen, Cellarette, Downstairs Bathroom with Shower, On Road Parking, Rear Garden.

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#### CRADLEY HEATH, MEADOW WALK

Being recently redecorated and on a quiet road, is this unfurnished semi detached house, comprising of: Three Bedrooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Lounge, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Modern Downstairs Bathroom, Rear Garden, Driveway Parking.

**£499 PCM**



#### DUDLEY, SOUTHGATE WAY

A Modern spacious well presented unfurnished semi detached house, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Spacious Living Room, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Garage and Off Road Parking. Viewing Highly Recommended.

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#### ROWLEY REGIS, POWKE LANE

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**£470 PCM**



#### CEDAR MEWS, FERGUSON DRIVE

A lovely unfurnished modern second floor apartment, briefly comprising of: Two Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Lounge, Bathroom with Shower, Two Allocated Parking Spaces, Internal Viewing Recommended.

**£450 PCM**



#### DUDLEY, PRIORY ROAD

A fantastic value for money two bedroom flat above a shop. Briefly comprising of: Spacious Lounge, Two Large Bedrooms, Newly Fitted Carpets Throughout, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazed, Close to Dudley College and Town Centre. Viewing Essential. Available Immediately.

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#### CRADLEY HEATH, UNIT DRIVE

Come on the market in this popular located apartment, close to Old Hill and local train station, is this unfurnished second floor apartment, briefly comprising of: Gas Central Heating, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Allocated Parking Space.

**£450 PCM**



#### DUDLEY, BEAN ROAD

A refurbished ground floor flat within easy reach of the town centre, briefly comprising of: Reception Hall with Minton Floor, Lounge, Double Bedroom, Fitted Kitchen, Shower Room, Double Glazing, and Communal Parking, Unfurnished.

**£380 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, APPERLEY WAY

An Unfurnished ground floor flat on a popular development, briefly comprising of: Double Bedroom, Fitted Kitchen (OWN COOKER TO BE SUPPLIED), Bathroom with Shower, Lounge, Electric Storage Heating, Parking, Communal garden.

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Beachcroft Road is approached via Maidensbridge Road, part of Wall Heath village

# Village location a superb sales point

Enjoying a superb position within this established and sought-after location, this extended semi-detached property in Wall Heath village is on the market priced at **£187,500.**

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The nearby A449 provides excellent

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#### Fireplace

On the ground floor is a reception hall, lounge measuring 12ft 10in by 12ft 4in and separate sitting room – 17ft 9in by 10ft 11in – with living flame gas fire in feature fireplace and sliding patio door to rear garden.

The breakfast kitchen, 9ft 3in by 8ft 6in, has a range of wood-style units with roll edge work surfaces, stainless

steel sink/drain, recess and plumbing for automatic washing machine, recess for fridge, recess for cooker with hood above, breakfast and door to large pantry/store.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and shower room with white suite providing corner shower cubicle, vanity unit with inset wash basin and WC.

Outside the house is set back behind foregarden with lawn/shrubs and driveway leading to 24ft by 7ft 11in garage, while the rear garden has a patio with level lawn with side and rear borders with shrubs. Call estate agent Taylors on 01384 401777 for more details or to arrange a viewing.



Accommodation includes two reception rooms and three good-sized bedrooms



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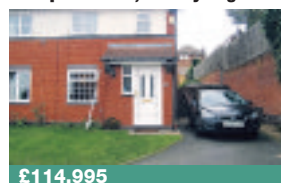


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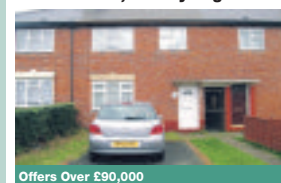
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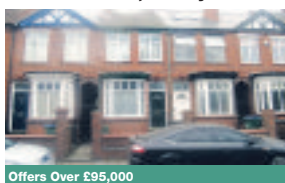
## Bournes Crescent, Halesowen



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Three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, dining room, conservatory, wc, kitchen, bathroom, garage, double glazing and central heating.

## Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath



Offers Over £95,000

Three bedroom mid terrace property, two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, upstairs wc, loft room, rear garden, double glazing and central heating.

## Firth Park Crescent, Halesowen



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Three bedroom detached property comprising lounge/diner, breakfast kitchen, bathroom, wc, garage, driveway, rear garden, garage, central heating and double glazing.

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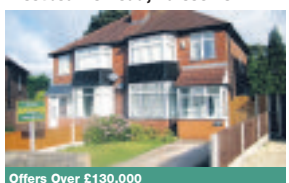
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## Olive Hill Road, Halesowen



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Three bedroom extended semi detached property briefly comprising of a lounge, extended kitchen open to dining area, bathroom, driveway, garage, rear garden, double glazing and central heating.



## Bournes Hill, Halesowen



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Three bedroom semi detached property comprising reception room, lounge/diner, conservatory, kitchen, downstairs shower room, utility, first floor shower room, driveway and rear garden.

## Frankley Avenue, Halesowen



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## Clio Raider and the lost art of hot hatch driving

IT'S NOT often that a car makes you feel quite like this, but then the Renaultsport Clio 200, based on the oh-so-ordinary French hatchback, is more than a little bit special.

This is actually a special edition called the Raider, and its matt 'Stealth Grey' paint finish gives it the sort of fighter-bomber look that its name deserves.

It's a fully kitted-out Clio 200 with a few special touches to define the edition.

The Renaultsport Clio is a bit of an icon, with heritage stretching back to the 1980s and the spiced-up versions of the Renault 5.

That passed its DNA down to the Clio Williams, now a modern classic and highly sought-after, and then to the first Clio 172 at the turn of the millennium.

Every single one of them was an absolute blast to drive, with intoxicating handling and fizzy engines.

Several generations later, with only a minor hiccup in the shape of the first Clio 197 in 2006, and the range has reached a new pinnacle with the Clio 200 Raider.

Never mind the special equipment over a normal 200, such as the unique wheels, standard Carminat TomTom Live satnav (or Renaultsport Monitor – your choice), standard Cup chassis and Renaultsport

by Matt Joy

touches on the gear knob and rev counter. What really pulls you in to this car is its reputation for the way it drives, and the way it drives is unlike anything else in hot hatchdom.

In a field of turbocharged rivals, the Clio is technically slower in the real world – you can't just plant your foot on the throttle and bask in a wave of torque.

But what you get in return is a wonderfully rev-hungry engine that sucks you into the driving experience as sure as a whirlpool would suck in a baby seal.

### Standards

As you push the engine past 7,000rpm and snick the wonderfully weighted gear lever up through the close-ratio gearbox, you're hooked.

It's a high-revving engine by modern standards, leaving 7,000rpm well behind before hitting the rev limiter.

It sounds good, and it's loud enough to get your blood pumping without deafening the cows in the next field.

From the very first corner you reach, you realise that the communication the chassis was feeding you on the way into it translates to a wonderful steering feel through the turn, with a neutral chassis balance that responds instantly to throttle and

steering inputs.

It feels planted but at the same time so alive, with as much feedback as you could wish for coursing through every contact point – and note the special, perfectly shaped leather Recaro seats.

The togetherness and cohesiveness of the finished article is outstanding. It feels as though it was made from one solid lump of brilliance.

In no time you're driving it as though it's just an extension of yourself, if you'll forgive me getting all Zen.

Turn-in is crisp, instant and accurate, guided by peerless feel at the wheel. The rack could possibly benefit from being a little faster, but the grip, balance and sheer driving delight that it constantly throws up along a twisty road is just superb.

Even the ride, bearing in mind the 18-inch wheels, stiff suspension and low-profile tyres, is remarkably well controlled.

The spring and damper rates are just about perfect, so even on rough roads, the ride is never crashy or harsh.

You can't be lazy or relaxed in this car, and that's the key. When you CAN take it easy, you tend to most of the time. When you can't, you're forced to step your game up; to try to live up to the car.

The Clio Raider demands great driving technique to do it justice but it offers rewards none of its rivals can. If it were to

have an Achilles heel, it would be that not everyone wants to have to work hard to go quickly, no matter how exciting the experience.

Some people just want to lean back and feel a wave of turbocharged torque, and the Clio can't provide that.

### Experience

And then there's the price. The Raider's list price is £21,695, which is almost £5,000 more than the stripped-out Clio 200 Cup, which offers the same driving experience without the gadgets. For

the people who still want to feel the adrenaline and know it's because they've mastered driving the shining star among hot hatchbacks, there's nothing to touch any Clio 200.

At the end of the day, the Raider's extra spec makes it more special to own, but the raw experience is on offer for a lot less cash.



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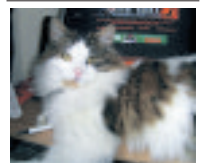
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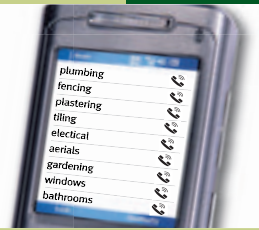




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## SPORT

## Fellows hits nine as Hawks fly high

**Girls League**  
**Halas Hawks U-10 17**  
**Kewford 0**  
 HALAS Hawks U-10 played their best football of the season with Hannah Fellows finishing a goal short of double figures. Kirsty Hampton and Maddison Eden hit trebles and there were two for Kelly Nicklin.

**Halas Hawks U-13 4**  
**Santiago Colts 1**  
 Two goals for Abigail Gennard helped Halas to beat the league leaders. Amy Plimmer's solo goal opened the scoring and Imogen Papworth got her first for the club.

**Halas Hawks U-14 6**  
**Ferndale 1**  
 Ferndale scored first but four goals from Sophie Pritchard and one for Ellie Lambrou and Amy Blake-more gave Halas the win.

**Ferndale Youth 1**  
**Halas Hawks U-16 4**  
 First-half goals from Liz McAleenan, Charlotte Little and Lauren Taylor put Halas clear and Kate Drew made the game safe.

**Netherton Utd 5**  
**Halas Ladies 6**  
 Halas were 4-1 down at one stage, but a better second half saw Sam Whitaker control midfield, enabling Tash Berry and Gemma College to get hat-tricks in a narrow victory.

## Old Hales beaten in top clash

OLD Halesonians men's hockey firsts suffered a 2-1 home loss to Bridgnorth in the West Midlands Premier.

The game between the league's two teams was of the expected high quality. But slack defending by the home side saw the ball find its way to a Bridgnorth player who had a simple finish past a stranded Steve Charlton.

Bridgnorth added a second before the break.

With just 10 minutes of the match remaining, the home side gave themselves a chance when Harry Hughes found Tom Bulteel on the penalty spot, where the striker slotted home. A packed defence prevented any chance of an equaliser.

**Results:** Warwick 2 Old Hales Seconds 0, Old Hales Thirds 3 Finchfield 1, Old Hales Ladies 2 Stone 0.



Albion midfielder George Thorne floors Baggies old-boy Robbie Earnshaw



A good chance goes begging for the Baggies' James Morrison at The Hawthorns

# Baggies' blushes spared by classy Cox hat-trick

## Albion 4 Cardiff 2

**SIMON COX'S** classy hat-trick booked the Baggies a spot in round four of the FA Cup, and a home tie with Norwich.

Yet boss Roy Hodgson was entitled to be upset with the performance of his team, who did their level best to squander a glorious chance to see off a second-string Championship XI with bigger fish to fry.

Cox's impressive treble ensured the Baggies dodged a third-round bullet and avoided the nightmare scenario of a midweek replay for a squad already stretched to the limit by a crippling injury list, writes Steve Madeley.

But boy, did Hodgson's men make hard work of a potentially tricky mission that they appeared to have turned into a walk in the park midway through the first half.

Having eased into a 2-0 lead, the Baggies simply handed their much-changed opponents two goals to set up the prospect of an unwanted journey to south Wales.

Cox removed that possibility with a fabulous long-range strike and a simple hat-trick sealing goal.

Yet Hodgson hasn't compiled his impressive CV without appreciating the bigger picture, and he appeared far from happy throughout the 90 minutes with a performance that must have jarred with everything he stands for.

His football philosophy is built around discipline, organisation, attention to detail and commitment to doing the right things at the right times. Aside from Cox's notable contribution, Saturday's display ticked none of those boxes.

It cannot have done a great deal to convince Hodgson that his back-up men are ready to fill the boots of the eight potential first-teamers who were unavailable on Saturday and might still be missing when the Premier League campaign resumes at home to Norwich on Saturday.

Instead of being solid, controlled and



Simon Cox celebrates a goal with Peter Odemwingie



Striker Marc-Antoine Fortune is denied by keeper Tom Heaton

methodical in their approach, the Baggies were sloppy and ragged and almost allowed a golden opportunity to slip away.

In the end, however, Cox had other ideas and a win that was founded on his predatory instincts left his boss with a potentially significant selection dilemma ahead of the Canaries' visit on Saturday.

In many ways the Ireland international's goals told Hodgson and Albion's fans little they did not already know.

He proved two seasons ago during his sporadic first-team appearances that he has the capacity to plunder against Championship defenders and Saturday was a shining example of his potency against sides from the second tier.

Yet even though his Cup heroics came against a Cardiff side featuring 10 team

changes with a Carling Cup semi-final in mind, Cox still showed that a frustrating campaign of bit-part appearances has done nothing to diminish his God-given scorer's instincts.

History suggests Hodgson will rely on his own judgement when preparing to face the Canaries and that public opinion will not inform his selection.

It was Cox's forward partner, Peter Odemwingie, who gave the Baggies a perfect start to the day, making the most of a bizarre non-decision to open the scoring.

Even the striker looked puzzled when, after collecting Craig Dawson's clearance and beating Tom Heaton, the flag stayed down when he looked yards offside.

When Cox headed home Nicky Shorey's free-kick to double the lead, Albion's success

appeared to be a formality. But Shorey's aberration on 37 minutes gifted possession to Filip Kiss, who crossed for Robert Earnshaw to convert against his former employers. And when Joe Mason converted five minutes after half-time, Albion's implosion looked spectacular.

Thankfully, they had to wait just six minutes for Cox to unleash a 25-yard thunderbolt that whistled in off the woodwork to restore their lead.

James Morrison missed a sitter from a couple of yards and Shorey rattled the crossbar before, in stoppage-time, Odemwingie burst down the left and crossed for Cox to complete the scoring.

His crisp finish ensured he would end the day grinning. Previous errors meant his gaffer would struggle to muster a smile.

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## Plant in flower as Halas take win

**Boys League**  
**Brandhall 2**  
**Halas Hawks East U-9 3**  
 JACK PLANT scored twice and Harry Beasley once as Halas won by the odd goal in five.

**Sedgley White Lions West 4**  
**Halas Hawks U-9 West 1**

The Hawks put in a very lethargic performance, their goal coming when a Harvey Brookes shot was parried but put away on the rebound by Altrin Alshiqi.

**Halas Hawks U-10 East 2**  
**Halesowen Town Colts 1**

It went to extra time but Halas booked their place in the League Cup semi-final.

Halas took the lead with an Oliver Miller volley but Halesowen levelled. A Louie Jones toe-poke was decisive.

**Halas Hawks U-11 West 0**  
**Gornal Colts South 6**

Gornal took control from the off in this victory.

**Hasbury Rangers 4**  
**Halas Hawks U-13 0**

Halas man of the match Aseil Yafai's efforts were in vain in a 4-0 defeat.

**Trysull Tigers West 5**  
**Halas Hawks U-13 1**

Halas trailed 2-0 before Shane Billingham scored, but Trysull added three goals in the second half.

**Halas Hawks U14 0**  
**Gornal Colts South 2**

Halas had the best of the second half but could not find the net.

**Wombourne 0**  
**Halas Hawks U-15 East 4**

Halas enjoyed two fine goals by Jake Walley with Kane Campbell and Dan Willetts also on the mark.

**Halas Hawks U-16 7**  
**Duncan Edwards 1**

Goals came from Danny Hodges (3), Steve Barratt (2), Josh Cater and Matt Grazier in this win.

**Kewford Eagles 0**  
**Halas U-17 6**

Goals from Adam Hodges and Kieran Hillsdon put Halas on top and Mitch Wells (2), Matt Ross and Alex Chappell finished it.

**Halas Hawks U-18 6**  
**FC Premier 0**

Halas went into round four of the Birmingham County Cup with goals by Bradley Hickman (2), Anthony Keeling, Adam Reece, Jordan Sturman and Reece Shilcock.

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## Striker is tipped to cope at a new level

YELTZ boss Shaun Cunningham insists his hot-shot new signing Ben Haseley can handle the quality jump to Halesowen.

The striker is set to make his debut against North Leigh on Saturday after signing from Heath Hayes – following 21 goals in 29 games this term.

Cunningham backs the 26-year-old to star in the Southern League Division One South and West following his move from the Midland Alliance.

He said: "We've got to give people opportunities here and we wouldn't have brought him to the club if we didn't think he could make the step up."

"Hopefully he can continue to be prolific at our level. He's got pace and has all the key ingredients we're looking for."

Halesowen are 15th in the table after three wins in their last 10 games and the club re-signed goalkeeper Mark Fulwood this week as cover for the injured Paul Evans.

Cunningham has also snapped up midfielder Neil Barnfield from Leamington and goalkeeper Jake Want from Eastwood this week.

## Stone brace is too much for the Yeltz

PROLIFIC ex-Halesowen striker David Stone struck a first-half brace to condemn the hosts to a third straight Evo-Stik League Southern Division One South defeat as Yate Town beat them 2-0.

Yate took an 18th-minute lead when Stone hit a dipping half-volley inside the angle from 15 yards.

Yeltz threatened when Nathan Jackson shot inches over in the 29th minute. But Yate looked comfortable and Russ Church went close when debutant home keeper Jake Want was caught out of goal in the 31st minute. Want saved Tom Warren's shot a minute later.

The Bluebells doubled their lead in the 33rd minute when Want fumbled a corner from Matt Groves and Stone poked the loose ball home. The hosts thought they had reduced the deficit before the break when Justin Nisbett converted after Brendan Kelly's free-kick was parried by goalkeeper Josh Dempsey, but his effort was disallowed for offside.

## Black Country boxers ready for Prizefighter

by Craig Birch

WOLVERHAMPTON Civic Hall has already sold-out for Prizefighter with two Black Country fighters set to compete.

West Bromwich's Young Mutley will join Wolverhampton's Dean Harrison in the eight-man, one-night event, live on Sky Sports on February 11.

Mutley – real name Lee Woodley – along with Telford's Mark Lloyd and former British champion Barry Morrison, are the last three names to be picked.

They join Harrison, English title holder Adil Anwar, John Watson, Tyrone Nurse and Dale Miles in the light-welterweight

tournament. Promoters Matchroom Sport are taking Prizefighter out of London for only the fourth time to come to the Civic. In their previous forays away from the capital, they have only gone to big cities in Newcastle, Glasgow and Liverpool.

Matchroom managing director Eddie Hearn believes he's saved the "best line-up" yet for Wolverhampton.

He said: "Every one of the eight quality performers in the mix on February 11 will believe they can win."

"That promises to make it a special night in front of a packed crowd at the Civic Hall."

The eight fighters, who have boxed anywhere from lightweight to light-middle, will be expected to make 10st 2lb on the night.

Mutley is the only one of the eight fighters with Prizefighter experience, having competed in the last instalment at light-welter in December 2009. The former British welterweight champion was eliminated by Colin Lynes in the semi-final, with Morrison pulling out before the tournament began.

Harrison is new to Prizefighter but has boxed on the big stage, having lost a British

title shot against Paul McCloskey in March 2009. 'Deano' went for the English title the following year but was outpointed by Nigel Wright and hasn't been on Sky Sports since.

The card will also feature two Prizefighter Prospects, who will box outside of the tournament to showcase their talents.

Dudley's Ryan Aston and Coseley's Tommy Ghent, who both signed three-year promotional deals with Matchroom in September, will open the show. Middleweight Aston is undefeated in four since turning pro while welterweight Ghent has taken out both of his opponents in two rounds.

## Old Hales ring in new year with the victory

OLD Halesonians rugby club welcomed 2012 with a hard-fought 14-9 victory away to league new boys Ludlow.

In the first half Old Halesonians went close on number of occasions but just could not quite finish.

They should have been out of sight by the end of the first half and frustration began to creep in as Ludlow mounted a spirited defence.

The only scores were penalties which gave Old Hales a 9-3 lead going into the break.

The second half began with both sets of forwards exchanging tackles in a hugely physical contest up front and Ludlow seemed to grow in confidence.

Hales finally broke the deadlock when Hooper ran in at the corner although he failed with the conversion to leave the score 14-3.

The home side put Old Hales under pressure in the last 20 minutes of the game with the Ludlow full back Pete Sidaway being a constant threat.

The Old Hales line was under pressure as Ludlow gained good lineout possession from which a dangerous driving maul was executed time and again. Old Halesonians showed a hard-nosed defensive effort which held well, restricting Ludlow to a mere six points from penalties in the second half.

## Rangers get a good start

**Hasbury Rangers U-12 4**

**Halas Hawks 1**  
HASBURY started 2012 as they finished 2011 with a good win.

Nick Clayton-Phillips bagged a hat-trick and Elliott Palmer was also on the mark.

**Hasbury Rangers U-14 7**

**Withymoor 0**  
Hasbury girls returned to action after the festive break but found the windy conditions a handicap for their passing game.

They broke through thanks to a sharp finish by Siobhan Peplow who went on to a hat-trick while Levi Cheadle scored twice in as many minutes and Ellis Hall also notched a double.

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# BAD BREAK HELPED — NEW MAN ALLAN

**NEW Albion signing Scott Allan reckons he is stronger than ever – despite a broken leg.**

The 20-year-old has completed his move from Dundee United on a two-and-a-half-year deal with one-year option. Allan has admitted to a frustrating last two years because of the broken leg and the contract wrangle that saw him exiled from the Terrors' first team.

"The last two years has been a long two years football-wise," said Allan, who made nine appearances for the Tannadice club this season.

"I had time out of the game through injury and then I was playing and not playing because of things not even to do with football."

"So, I'm just happy to be here and to get started again."

"Last season I had a lot of bad luck with a broken leg. I was out for about four or five months."

"It was a clean break and that probably helped it recover properly. If anything, I think I've come back stronger after all the gym work."

"As soon as you hear someone has broken their leg you always fear the worst. But with the right rehab you can recover fine."

"My friends and family helped me through it and some of the older players at United. Breaking through therefore happened a bit later than it should have. But when I got my chance this season I took it and I wanted to push on."

Allan was hoping to become an SPL regular but found himself back on the sidelines after he refused to sign a new deal amid rumours of Albion's interest and potential bids from Rangers and Celtic.

"I had a good pre-season,

by Steve Madeley

got a run of games at the start of the season and played for the Under-21s national team," he said.

"Obviously teams coming in for me and showing interest kind of halted me playing for United."

"I just had to keep my head down and get on with training. Now it's been worth it because I've signed here."

Albion defender James Hurst has joined Chesterfield on a youth loan until the end of the season. The Baggies can recall the 19-year-old at any time after the first 28 days.

The Baggies are hoping for a six-man boost when they begin a vital Premier League spell at home to Norwich on Saturday.

Albion believe Jonas Olsson, Gareth McAuley, Paul Scharrer, Youssouf Mulumbu, Jerome Thomas and Shane Long could all return from injuries to face the Canaries.

Five of the first-team regulars sat out Saturday's FA Cup win over Cardiff with a variety of injuries while McAuley limped off with a calf problem. Assistant boss Keith Downing revealed all six are pushing to be fit.



West Bromwich Albion signing Scott Allan celebrates his move to the West Midlands from Dundee United

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